

## LADS SUFFERING QUIETED BY DEATH

The profound sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Abell, in the death of their son George, 16, which occurred at Mt. Sinai hospital, Cleveland, Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, where he underwent operation for intestinal trouble the previous Monday.

As stated in the Sentinel last week, the lad had been a sufferer from this trouble for many years, which according to expert surgeons, is a rare disease, usually causing death much earlier in life than in the case of the Abell boy. The operation required the removal of nearly two feet of the large intestine, from which the patient rallied and appeared to be convalescing for several days, when peritonitis developed and death ensued.

The father, Geo. Abell, a pilot on the lake vessels, and the mother, were at the bedside of their son when he expired. The latter was a bright, ambitious and energetic when not in pain, and was popular with all who knew him.

Funeral services were held from the home, corner of Grant street and Wadsworth road, Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, by Rev. S. F. Dimmock of the Baptist church. Burial was made in Spring Grove cemetery.

## CHIPPEWA THIS YEAR BETTER THAN EVER

Manager Beach of Chippewa Lake park has been busy all winter laying plans to make his resort the most attractive and entertaining the coming season of any season since he has conducted it.

Many new improvements have been and are being added, among which is the enlargement of the dance pavilion. An addition of fifteen feet will be built on the east side an acre as much on the south, thus increasing the floor space from about 3500 feet to over 6,000 feet. An entirely new floor of hard maple will be laid by men expert in laying ball-room floors. With this new addition the crowded conditions of last summer will be eliminated so that not only the dancers but also the spectators can be accommodated in first class style.

Work is being commenced on the ten new cottages which are to be erected before the camping season opens. This will take nearly all the available space for cottages. The garage on the grounds will also be enlarged.

The easy lake condition to supply the wants of motorists. Four new clay tennis courts will be built near the ball grounds for the use of people inclined to that sport. The ball diamond will be put in first class shape for the promotion of more and better games.

The usual Sunday afternoon concert will be held with the popular Opera House Orchestra directed by Louis Rich and Rosenthal's celebrated aggregation of musicians alternating Sundays. Bigger and better special attractions will be had from Sunday to Sunday. Preparations are rapidly being made to take care of the large Sunday crowds which bid fair to surpass all other seasons.

All remodeling and arrangements will be completed by the last of May, so Decoration Day has been set for the grand opening.

## A SCHOOL REGIMENT FOR MEMORIAL DAY

The high school cadet company has one hundred members, every one of whom is enthusiastic in the physical training engendered by this practice. The idea is not confined to the boys alone, but the high school girls are eager to learn the drill regulations necessary to make this Memorial day memorable by the devotion and veneration of Young America toward those for whose labors they owe so great a debt.

If the plans now on foot do not miscarry, every school child of Medina will be in line and the whole will be divided into the different regimental units.

## RECORDERS' MONTHLY REPORT

County Recorder C. S. Rice submits the following comparative report for the month of March, 1916 and 1917:

1917—Deeds recorded, 103; mortgages recorded, 65; leases recorded, 12; mortgages cancelled, 60; leases cancelled, 8.

1916—Deeds recorded, 87; mortgages recorded, 60; leases recorded, 39; mortgages cancelled, 59; leases cancelled, 37.

Total receipts for March, 1916, \$286.43; for March, 1917, \$281.30.

## Proclamation

Whereas, having seen the lives of our citizens taken in cold blood, our rights as neutrals trampled upon, all our protests ignored, and insults heaped upon us greater than were ever patiently borne before by any nation, the Congress of these United States has declared that a state of war exists between Germany and the United States.

Therefore, I, as Mayor of Medina Village, call upon all our citizens to show their loyalty to the Government, by displaying the Stars and Stripes upon every building, whether it be public or private.

And further, I hereby proclaim a public meeting to be held in the Court house, Saturday evening, April 7th, at 7:30 o'clock, to consider patriotic action that may be deemed advisable and there taken; and I earnestly urge general attendance at this meeting by all patriotic citizens.

LEWIS H. RANDALL,  
Mayor of Medina Village.

## RAILWAY MAIL CLERK 45 YEARS—RESIGNS

Sidney Alden, who for the past forty-five years has held a position as mail clerk on the B. & O. R. R., with a run between Cleveland and Wheeling, tendered his resignation, to take effect April 1. But as that date would take him to the other end of the line, he remained in service of the company until April 2, by request.

Mr. Alden entered the railway service, Jan. 15, 1872, and has missed but little time from work since that date. While he has had different runs in that time, the greater part has been between Cleveland and Bridgeport, or Wheeling. Mr. Alden feels that he needs a rest from so long a service and it is a source of gratification to him to receive a letter from the company congratulating him upon his long connection with the service and expressing regrets over his resignation.

## LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP TO GET COUNTY MONEY

The persistency with which Liverpool township trustees and citizens press the county commissioners for money with which to improve their roads, is most commendable, and bids fair to result successfully. Geographically, Liverpool township is so situated as to be deprived of state aid in the building and improvement of its roads, and the greater portion of its present improved roads has been paid for by the property owners themselves.

It is for these reasons that when the township, through its representatives, asks the county for financial assistance for road improvements, they are pretty sure to receive a cordial and thoughtful reception. For the last three weeks Liverpool's trustees have appeared before the commissioners to press their needs, and it seems now that their efforts have not been in vain. While no resolution to the effect was passed by the commissioners at their meeting, Monday, it was practically decided to grant Liverpool township \$5,000, to be expended for the improvements of its roads, first of which will doubtless be the east and west center road, running east of the B. & O. depot and connecting with the end of the Brunswick road, for which the county surveyor was authorized to survey and make estimates of the cost of building. The road will be 9 feet wide and of concrete.

LOCKOUT AT THE OHIO MATCH WORKS

The strike of the Ohio Match Works, which has been in progress since last week, has developed into a lockout. All former employees were notified that their pay envelopes may be received at any time. There were few Americans among the strikers. Officials propose to keep the plant idle rather than arbitrate. They say this can be done without embarrassment to the company, as warehouses in New York and Pittsburgh hold a large surplus of matches.

## MORTGAGE TAX BIG FOR THIS COUNTY

Last week the Sentinel told of a law recently passed by the legislature, which will require a tax of one half of one per cent, to be paid on the face of all mortgages left with the County Recorder to be recorded. The amount of mortgages recorded in Medina last year amounted to \$814,426.48, which had the new law been in effect, would have increased the county's exchequer more than \$4,000.

According to Recorder C. S. Rice, this year's mortgages bid fair to reach the million mark, which under the new law, would bring into the county till an additional five thousand dollars. The mortgages alluded to are other than railroad mortgages, which are exempt. The one-half of one per cent. tax in this county would pay the salary of the recorder for three years.

## CRUEL EXPERIENCE AFTER EVENING OF FUN

"Hip, Hip, Hooray" was a mighty good show given in Cleveland a few weeks ago and attracted a number of pleasure lovers from Medina, among whom were Floyd Pelton, Enos Wheeler and George Mellert, with their wives. The boys left their cars in a garage, but the show was an unusually lengthy one, and the garage doors were locked up for the night before it was over. To pass the night at a hotel was the only thing left to be done, and the three couples lined up before the clerk at a future date, and notice of which was refused publicity in the columns of this paper, we wish to state that we have found their representative to be unreliable, and all the we know nothing of the physicians themselves, we would advise that anyone contemplating business with them, investigate closely as to their reliability. They are in no way connected with the United Doctors, with laboratories in Wisconsin.

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## JOSEPH H. HONSE CLAIMED BY DEATH

Falling health covering a period of several months from a valvular disorder of the heart, ended in the death of Joseph Henry HONSE, Sunday, April 1, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Barrow, on West Friendship street, with whom he had made his home for the past year or more. He was born Feb. 21, 1855, thus being 62 years, 1 month and 9 days old at the time of his death. Before coming to Medina, he resided in Folk, Wayne county.

Funeral services were held at the house on Tuesday, conducted by Rev. S. F. Ross of the Methodist church. Burial was made in Spring Grove cemetery.

## PATRIOTISM HIGH IN THIS SECTION

If there is one attribute stronger than another in the hearts of Medina people, it is that of patriotism. Our native citizens will brook nothing that savors of disloyalty in times of peace, much less in war.

This true national spirit was signally shown last Tuesday night, when a number of representative business men and citizens met in the parlors of the Winyah club, not only to emphasize their own allegiance, but to inaugurate a concerted action against any one who has the audacity and un-American spirit to voice a pro-German sentiment—which, alas, we understand there have been discovered a few.

At the meeting Tuesday night a committee was appointed to arrange for a public meeting, proclamation for which has been issued by Mayor L. H. Randall, for Saturday night of this week, at the court house, and which appears officially in another column of this paper. The committee named is H. G. Rowe, chairman; W. S. Edmund, Charles Miller, Judge J. R. Kennan, S. S. Oatman and H. S. Orr. The committee's duties end with the arrangement of the meeting and its accompanying details.

Let it be understood that this meeting is in no sense called for recruiting or enlistment, but merely to secure a general expression from the people as to how they stand with respect to employing drastic measures with those who are openly proclaiming an undivided spirit in our national dilemma, as well as to placing themselves on record for or against a pro-German sentiment.

The meeting Saturday night will be called to order promptly at 7:30, and will be opened by prayer by Rev. Philip Kelsor, who, as temporary chairman, will read Mayor Randall's proclamation.

There will be brief addresses by prominent local citizens and a chairman of a safety committee appointed with power to appoint as many assistants as the times seems to warrant. It is probable that another committee of five will be named, whose duties will be to maintain patriotic sentiments and acts during the war.

The Medina band will enliven the occasion Saturday night, as well as a vocal quartet, and the women of Medina are especially urged to attend the meeting and voice their sentiments as to Medina being first and last for an undivided allegiance in this hour of national strife.

This is a meeting at which every patriotic local citizen should attend. Meanwhile, let every business place and home display the national emblem.

## CONVENTION DELEGATES HAVE HIGH OLD TIME

The State "Auto-more-bubble" convention was held at Springfield, O. March 30-31. Wadsworth was represented by Dr. Baldwin, Wm. Ault, C. M. Wert, Frank Smith and A. J. Loehr. Medina sent C. J. DeArmitt, Chas. Frank, Dr. H. S. Orr and A. B. Underwood. A "hilarious" fine trip is reported under the following itinerary:

Met Cleveland club at Hollenden on Thursday evening; addresses by Pres. Leo, Sec. Caley, Judge Meals, Mayor Davis and others. Ten-cent cigars for all and "mule-kick" punch for those so inclined; 12:05 a. m. to the Pullmans; some slept, others tried to win with five "jacks" in the deck; 6 a. m. breakfast at New Shawnee Hotel, Springfield; 10 a. m. convention assembled at Chamber of Commerce, pledging unlimited support of 300,000 auto owners to Pres. Wilson, unanimously adopted by the convention in an outburst of patriotism; new laws outlined and explained and much needed legislation for good roads was discussed; 12:30 dinner at Bancroft Hotel; 1:30 election of officers, Royal R. Scott of Toledo succeeding R. H. Lee as president; visited the K. of P., I. O. O. F., and Masonic state homes, and Snyder park; from 7 to 11 a three dollar, fried chicken, cigarette, champagne, colored orchestra banquet. And in the midst of that revelry how proud the wives of the Medina and Wadsworth delegates would have been, had they witnessed the dignity with which their husbands disported themselves.

The Ohio State Automobile association accomplished a vast amount of good roads work last year. Space does not permit the details. Local clubs are doing the same for their home communities. The Medina club by club, with 157 members, outnumbers many large Ohio towns, and Wadsworth has the largest club for its size of any other municipality in the United States. Medina club members should be boosters, have an emblem club invites the cooperation of all for better roads.

## DEATH REMOVES ARUNAH J. LEWIS

Death brought to an end the sufferings of Arunah Josiah Lewis, father of Mrs. Flora E. Nugent, which occurred at the latter's home, 133 Mill street, Sunday, April 1, where he had been confined for the past six months, the result of a paralytic stroke.

The deceased was a native of Royalton, O., where he was born, May 1, 1833. He was married to Fannie Ulyssa Wright, of Westfield, O., Aug. 29, 1845. The latter departed this life, Sept. 21, 1870. He was again married July 23, 1885. Mrs. Nugent, the daughter at whose home he died, is the only surviving member of her father's family.

Funeral services were held from the home of Mrs. Nugent, Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Watson. Burial was made in Spring Grove cemetery.

## MEDINA HIGH SCHOOL CARRIES OFF HONORS

Medina high school walked off with the lion's share of the prizes at the district declamatory contest held at Granger Friday night, March 30. Anna Bigelow took first place in dramatic reading, defeating Altha Bennett of Sharon and Lucille Joachim of Granger, and James Thomsett was equally successful in the oratorical contest, winning first place over James Young of Granger and Walter Brown of Sharon.

In dramatic reading Miss Bigelow did remarkably well, at all times holding the intense interest of the audience as she told Gilbert Parker's story, "The Going of the White Swan." The selection is a difficult one, portraying four distinct and varied types of character, viz: the rough trapper, the sick child, the stern old priest and the mother of the child. The speaker showed keen understanding and sympathy with each of the characters. Her strong, clear voice was also commended upon by many. Miss Bigelow is sure to be a strong contender for county honors on April 20.

Miss Altha Bennett, who won second place, also did fine work with her selection, "Catching the Train," in which she portrayed the trials and tribulations of Mr. Mann, who finally arrived at the depot on time to see his wife waving kisses to him from the rear of the last coach as the train rolled away in the distance. Miss Bennett is only a freshman and next year with a stronger selection she will have to be reckoned with. Miss Lucille Joachim also spoke well and with training will make an effective reciter.

The work by the orators was hardly up to the standard set by the ladies. However, the contest was spirited.

Young and Thomsett being very evenly matched. The latter, however, was superior in interpretation and gesture, thus obtaining a slight advantage. Young has a splendid voice and will make a most excellent speaker if well trained. He spoke Sumner's "True Grandeur of Nations." Thomsett's selection was the "Curse of Regulus," while Walter Brown gave a part of Roosevelt's inaugural address. Miss Bigelow and Thomsett each won \$5 in gold, while Miss Bennett and Young took home \$2.50 each for their efforts.

On Friday evening Liverpool township held its local contest, which proved to be the best local yet held. Miss Gladys Martin last year's winner, again proved to be the best of the nine young lady speakers, and Selim Hoppe also defeated his five opponents in oratory. The program was as follows: Music; "Offensive War," John Randolph, by John Otterbacher; "On Withdrawing from the Union," Jefferson Davis, by Herman Roth; "The House Divided Against Itself," Abraham Lincoln, by Harold Schaeffer; "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death," Patrick Henry, by John Frank; "Mark Antony's Speech," Shakespeare, by Selim Hoppe; "Spartacus to the Gladiators," by Vernon Warner; music; "The Village Oracle," J. H. Harbour, by Muriel Pohzehl; "The Silver Bell," Julia D. Pratt, by Frances Troxell; "Counting Eggs," anon, by Ruth C. Skoskopf; "The Last Hymn," Mrs. C. Farmington, by Ella Yest; "The New Minister," anon, by Lillie Hudson; "Mrs. Butler's Silver Wedding," Morris Wade, by Esther Roth; "The Engineer's Story," Eugene J. Hall, by Pauline Baisch; "Cigarette's Ride and Death," Ouida, by Gladys Martin; "The Happy Little Girl Cripple," J. W. Riley, by Rosa Valek; music.

Muriel Pohzehl and Harold Schaeffer took second place in the respective contests. This splendid contest is but another evidence of the strong, enthusiastic work being done at Valley City under the leadership of Superintendent A. H. Troxell, E. R. Gabler, Mrs. Ellen Powellson and Miss Anna Shigley, the high school faculty. Things do move. More power to 'em.

## HOTEL OWNERSHIP CHANGED

The Union hotel passed into different ownership on Monday of this week, when Mr. H. M. Bixler, who has conducted the hotel for the past six years, disposed of it to H. L. Kernan and B. O. Inman. Until the last disposition, this hotel has been within a single family ownership for more than a half century. For a great many years, and until 1899, the hotel was conducted by Dennis Shaw, one of the best known men in this section. Later, in 1899, it came into the possession of his grandson, C. V. Litchfield, who was proprietor for about a dozen years, or until it was taken over by Mr. Bixler. The latter is undecided as to what he will do for a while.

## NEW HARDWARE FIRM TO START JULY 1ST

Barring any unforeseen obstacles, by July 1st another business enterprise will be inaugurated in Medina. Alvin Beck, who for the past sixteen years has been connected with the Oatman Hardware Co., and for the past four years its manager, severed his connection with that company last Friday night, and with A. W. Oatman will start in the hardware business for himself. Mr. Oatman was with the Oatman Hardware Co. for 20 years and for a number of years its manager.

Mr. Beck and Mr. Oatman will occupy the building soon to be erected by W. E. Griesinger on the latter's lot adjoining the Methodist church on the north. The building will consist of two store rooms, the new hardware firm occupying but one. It is understood that work on the new building will begin just as soon as the weather will permit.

## MILK SITUATION AMICABLY SETTLED

The threatened embargo on milk entering the city, which was to have gone into effect Monday, unless the milk distributors acceded to the demands of the producers for a higher rate, did not materialize, as the latter were granted practically what they asked, at a conference held at the Hollenden hotel last Friday afternoon.

Following are the prices per gallon agreed upon: For the small distributors—April, 20c; May, 18c; June, 18c; July, 20c; Aug., 22c; Sept., 22c. These prices were granted with the proviso that the producers must keep reasonably close to their contracts with regard to excessive supply. The larger distributors are to pay, for April, 20c; May, 17c; June, 17c; July, 19c; Aug., 22c; Sept., 22c. At these prices the large concerns agree to accept all the milk shipped to them up to 6000 cans above contract. About the only argument indulged in at Friday's meeting was over the prices to be paid by the larger distributors for the months of August and September, for which they held out for 20 cents, finally agreeing to 22 cents.

The above prices show an average to the producers of 19 1/2 cents a gallon for the six months. While they had demanded 20 cents, it is understood that this rate was demanded, contingent upon the amount of milk the dealers would accept. As it is, both sides now appear to be satisfied and there probably is no likelihood of any more trouble along this line at least before October.

President John Clark and S. B. Stoddard of the Medina auxiliary, attended the Friday meeting.

## EXECUTIVE ORDER AS TO POSTMASTERS

The newspapers of the country have had much to say of late regarding federal legislation or executive orders by which first, second, and third-class postmasters would derive a life tenure of their positions, subject, of course, to removal for cause or by death. But not until this week has there been any information that could be regarded as authentic, or that seemed to be definite as to provisions. It was in the form of an executive order from President Wilson, received by Postmistress Long of the local office, and which reads as follows:

"Hereafter when a vacancy occurs in the position of postmaster of any office of the first, second or third class, as the result of death, resignation, removal, or on the recommendation of the First Assistant Postmaster General, approved by the Postmaster General, to the effect that the efficiency or needs of the service requires that a change shall be made, the Postmaster General shall certify the fact to the Civil Service Commission, which shall forthwith hold an open competitive examination to fill such vacancy, and when such examination has been held and the papers in connection therewith have been rated, the said Commission shall certify the result thereof to the Postmaster General, who shall submit to the President the highest qualified eligible for appointment to fill such vacancy, unless it is established that the character or residence of such applicant disqualifies him for appointment. No person who has passed his sixty-fifth birthday shall be given the examination herein provided for.

(Signed) Woodrow Wilson  
Dated March 31, 1917.

Under the application of the above order presidential postmasters automatically come into possession of life jobs, subject only to removal for cause. When the commission under which they hold office for their present terms expire, they will not be obliged to take civil service examinations in order to hold their positions. Civil service examinations are to be ordered only to fill vacancies caused by death, resignation or removal.

There is a possibility, however, that congress may sometime pass legislation upsetting the executive order issued by the president. In Ohio 39 postmasters of the first class, 101 of the second class and 268 of the third class are affected by this order.

## BALL SEASON OPENS

There are good prospects for a fine season in baseball at Medina high school this year. The team is getting a good start, under Coach Godlove. There has been a good schedule arranged and the school will appreciate a good attendance at the games. The starter for this season is with Wadsworth, April 11, on the local diamond.

## WEYMOUTH FARMER CALLED BY DEATH

James Vaught Crump, of Medina Center, who was taken to Cleveland last week to undergo an operation for abscess of the bowels, from which he had been a sufferer for a long time, died at Huron Road hospital, Monday evening.

Mr. Crump was a native of Point Pleasant, Virginia, where he was born forty-eight years ago. He had been a resident of Medina county for about thirteen years and enjoyed a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

He is survived by the widow, and four children, Merle, Florence, Heber and Virginia; a brother, John of Point Pleasant, Va.; and four sisters, Mrs. Sallie Plants of Weymouth, Mrs. W. H. Gardner and Mrs. C. A. Gardner of Medina, and Mrs. B. C. Hall of Point Pleasant, Va.

Funeral services were held from the home on Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Charles Searles of Hinckley. Burial was made in the cemetery at York.

## DIES AT INFIRMARY, FRIENDS UNKNOWN

Wm. Howard, 75, passed away Tuesday morning at the County Infirmary where he had been an inmate for the past year, after having been found in a shanty near the B. & O. tracks in Friendsville, suffering from a severe paralytic stroke. The stroke affected his voice and it has been difficult to learn anything about the man. He claimed to have been a sailor on the lakes and to have spent some time in the Marine hospital in Cleveland about two years ago. Also he said he had a cousin residing in Berea. Supt. Ewing of the Infirmary spent Tuesday trying to locate the relative, but was unsuccessful. Funeral and burial took place at the county institution Wednesday afternoon.

## LAND WARRANT SIGNED BY JAMES MONROE

A very interesting document came into the hands of C. S. Litchfield last week, when he purchased 94 acres of land out of a 160-acre tract in Cannon township, Wayne county, of the owner Wm. Barnes of Creston. It was a "land warrant," corresponding to modern warranty deed, issued by the United States government to James Barnes, father of Wm. Barnes, bearing date of April 8, 1824, and the personal signature of President James Monroe. The warrant is engraved on sheep skin, 16 x 10, and carries the seal of the department of government lands, the name of Geo. Graham appearing as land commissioner.

In the ninety-three years since the land was acquired by James Barnes, it has never been in the possession of any other person than Wm. Barnes, who inherited it from his father, until purchased last week by Mr. Litchfield, to whom was issued the first and only warranty deed. To secure a clear title, Mr. Litchfield of course required the original warrant, which lay safely filed away in the county archives at the court house in Wooster.

While of course President Monroe had occasion to affix his signature to many similar warrants, this particular one was signed just four months and six days after his announcement to Congress of the three guiding principles now known as the "Monroe doctrine." (1) Taking up a dispute with Russia, declaring that the American continents were no longer open to colonization by European nations; (2) That the United States was not to meddle in the political affairs of Europe; (3) That European governments must not extend their systems to any part of the northern or southern hemispheres, nor in any way seek to control the destinies of any nation of this hemisphere. The doctrine proved effectual, and Russia, who had sought to extend her domain, agreed to it in 1824.

While having no connection whatsoever with the land warrant, in the possession of Mr. Litchfield, the similarity of dates lends to the ancient document an added interest, especially at this time, when the famous doctrine of President Monroe is so frequently proclaimed in our diplomatic relations with old world powers.

Mr. Litchfield prizes the document very highly and has refused a large sum of money for it.

## WINYOH CLUB ASSURES LOYALTY

At a meeting of Winyah club members last Monday night, the following expression was adopted to be sent to President Wilson, as a modest assurance that Medina business men's hearts are in the right place:

"The Winyah club, an organization of business men of the town of Medina, at the time you were reading your patriotic and inspiring message to Congress, last evening, adopted unanimously a motion of confidence in your administration and your course in handling the great international questions now confronting the nation.

"The members of the club wish also to emphasize their loyal support of any and all measures which your administration may adopt and prosecute in carrying forward to a successful issue the great and important undertaking upon which the nation is about to enter.